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The documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 (modified) include those cited in the European Search Report for the corresponding European Patent Application No. EP 03254262 and those cited in the United Kingdom Search Report for the corresponding United Kingdom Patent Application No. GB0315697.3. A copy of each Search Report (1 page each) is enclosed herewith.

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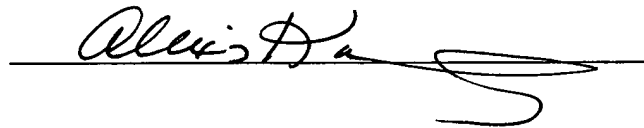
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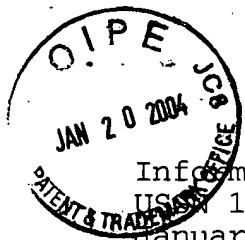
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